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SUBJECT: KENYA, TANZANIA, AND UGANDA TO REVIEW TREATY FOR EAST
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1. SUMMARY. MEMBER STATES OF EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY
(EAC) ARE GETTING
DOWN TO SERIOUS REVIEW OF TREATY FOR
EAST AFRICAN COOPERATION SIGNED IN 1967 BY KENYA, TANZANIA,
AND UGANDA. EAST AFRICAN AUTHORITY (THE THREE PRESIDENTS)
HAS APPROVED TERMS OF REFERENCE AND COMPOSITION OF REVIEW
COMMISSION. AUTHORITY APPOINTED WILLIAM DEMAS FROM
YATRINIDAD-TOBAGO, CURRENTLY PRESIDENT, CARIBBEAN DEVELOP-
MENT BANK, AS INDEPENDENT CHAIRMAN OF REVIEW COMMISSION.
COMMISSION TO HOLD FIRST MEETING IN ARUSHA NOV. 13 AND
TO MAKE ITS RECOMMENDATIONS WITHIN NEXT 12 MONTHS.
EXTENDED PERIOD SET ASIDE FOR REVIEW AND FACT THAT
THREE PRESIDENTS HAVE DETAILED HIGH-LEVEL FUNCTION.
ARIES FOR DELIBERATIONS, INDICATES NOT ONLY SERIOUSNESS
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OF PROBLEM BUT ALSO DESIRE FIND SOLUTIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. IN ADDITION TO IMPARTIAL CHAIRMAN, REVIEW COMMISSION COMPRISES 9 MINISTERS, THREE FROM EACH NATION. THESE ARE:

FROM KENYA:

MWAI KIBAKI, MINISTER FINANCE AND PLANNING

ISSAK OMOLO OKERO, MINISTER POWER AND COMMUNICATIONS

CHARLES NJONJO, ATTORNEY GENERAL

FROM TANZANIA:

A.H. JAMAL, MINISTER COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

CLEOPA MSUYA, MINISTER FINANCE

A. TANDAU, MINISTER TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

FROM UGANDA:

PAUL ETIANG, MINISTER FOREIGN AFFAIRS

S. KIINGI, MINISTER FINANCE

G.B.M. LULE, ATTORNEY GENERAL

3. TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR REVIEW ARE: QUOTE. TO REVIEW THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY, THE STRUCTURE, COMPOSITION AND FUNCTIONING OF ITS INSTITUTIONS; AND TO SUBMIT AGREED CONCLUSIONS TO THE EAST AFRICAN AUTHORITY WITHIN 12 MONTHS. UNQUOTE. COMMEHKARY WHICH ACCOMPANIES TERMS OF REFERENCE RECOGNIZES THAT EAC'S INSTITUTIONS, STRUCTURE, AND OPERATIONS MUST BE MADE MORE RESPONSIVE TO CURRENT NEEDS OF MEMBER STATES. IN SIMPLE LANGUAGE, THIS MEANS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT PROVISIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL TRANSFERENVF OF FUNDS ACCUMULATED AT REGIONAL OFFICES OF EAC CORPORATIONS HAVE NOT WORAD OUT.

4. THERE IS WIDESPREAD CONVICTION IN KENYA THAT REVIEW WILL RESULT IN NATIONALIZING FOUR EAC CORPORA-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TIONS: RAILWAYS; PORTS AND HARBOURS; POST AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS, AND EAST AFRICAN AIRWAYS. LAST NAMED MAY YET REMAIN AS COMMUNITY OPERATION AT LEAST INTERNATIONALLY, BUT THIS BY NO MEANS CERTAIN BECAUSE TANZANIA SAID TO FAVOR REGIONAL AUTONOMY EVEN FOR AIRLINES. FOUR CORPORATIONS ALL INVOLVE TRANSPORT OF SOME KIND. THEIR INCLUSION IN EAC AS COMMON SERVICES, COMMONLY OWNED, WAS NOT TYPICAL OF ECONOMIC-

INTEGRATION EXPERIMENTS BY NON-FEDERATED STATES ELSEWHERE.
EXCISION OF CORPORATIONS NEED THEREFORE NOT BE DEATH-BLOW TO
COMMUNITY. AT SAME TIME, SOME GOK OFFICIALS BELIEVE
THAT DEMONSTRATION OF WEAKENED POLITICAL DETERMINATION
IMPLICIT IN DISMANTLING OF CORPORATIONS WILL AFFECT
COMMUNITY AS WHOLE AND PIQUE NATIONALISTIC ASPIRATIONS
IN THREE STATES TO GO IT ALONE. THIS VIEW WAS ACCEPTED BY MAJORITY
AT RECENT LUNCHEON MEETING TKV FOREIGN DIPLOMATS
ACCREDITED TO KENYA, ALL HARKING IN ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL
AREA, WHO FELT EAC LIKELY DISBAND AL-
TOGETHER FOR
SEVERAL YEARS AND THEN RE-UNITE AFTER HARD LESSON
LEARNED. REPRESENTATIVES OF EUROPEAN ECONOMIC
COMMUNITY COUNTRIES, IN PARTICULAR, CITED NEED FOR
TRIAL AND ERROR. BRITISH MORE INCLINED SHARE OUR
VIEW THAT, EVEN IF CORPORATIONS GO, ECONOMICS OF
RETAINING CUSTOMS
UNION AND COMMONLY FUNDED SER-
VICES SUCH AS STATISTICS AND VARIOUS KINDS RESEARCH
WILL SURVIVE REVIEW COMMISSION'S WORK. LENGTHY
PERIOD GIVEN TO REVIEW COMMISSION ALSO INDICATES
LITTLE SENTIMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RUPTURE; BUT, RATHER,
CONSIDERABLE DETERMINATION TO FIND LONG-TERM SOLUTION.
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